

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AMENDED
TUESDAY**

February 3, 2015 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department
4900 Bonita Road Bonita CA 91902

Administrative Items

Harriet Taylor brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A short note that John Riess passed the previous Tuesday. John had been very active with Community Service for many years, most recently with the Planning Commission. Funeral arrangements would be forthcoming.

Before the meeting started, Harriet read a section of the bylaws for Planning and Sponsor Groups which, in absence of an officer the Chair can temporarily appoint someone to fill that position. She then appointed Steve Stonehouse to run the meeting.

Item #1: Roll call and introduction: Planning Group members: Mark Kukuchek, Liz Stonehouse, Steve Stonehouse, John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Doc Stokos, Diane Carter, Michael Garrod, Uwe Werner and Daryl Hern. Excused: Sheri Todus.

Michael De La Rosa, representing Supervisor Greg Cox.

Guests: San Diego County Speakers Murali Pasumarthi and Carl R. Hickman representing DPW.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes from Jan 5th. Diane moved to approve, seconded by Doc. A request was made to take out the extra pages. Motion approved unanimously.

Item #3: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's Purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes. No action can be taken on items not on the published agenda but can be added to future agendas for action.

At this time Murali introduced Carl who spoke about a new streetlight retrofit from the high pressure sodium lights now used to LED lights. There will be 104 in the Bonita area. These lights according to the photographs we were presented with will have a 60% reduction in energy use; a ten year warranty and though Dark Sky compliant,

have better visibility than the sodium ones. Also ambient light is minimized, the quality of light is improved and there is a reduction of greenhouse gasses. This presentation was for information only as the exchange is already underway and will continue along major roads in the area.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: the list of resurfaced roads has yet to come out. We will be informed when this is going to happen.

Action Items

Item #5: Presentation by Murali Pasumarthi DPW concerning options for the intersection of Proctor Valley Road and San Miguel Road traffic concerns. Action Item.

Harriet brought us up to speed: The situation at this intersection has been a thorn in the side of drivers in this area for years. A traffic study showed that ninety percent of the cars going east turn onto Proctor Valley Road. One solution for this issue has been a three-way stop. Another has been to widen the east-bound lane for a turn lane but a fire hydrant prevents that. Past discussion suggested that the removal of a very old eucalyptus tree might help. Murali:

Using slides from his computer, Murali showed us the line-of-sight from several places on Proctor Valley Road right at the intersection, stating that it was indeed within the limit set of 283 feet.

He also presented the Warrants, or controls which allow for an all-way stop. They are A: Where traffic control signals are justified and all-way stop is interim measure. Since Proctor Valley Road is considered a minor street, the peak volume had to be 300 vehicles an hour for an eight hour period. The traffic count table did not show this. Warrant B. Crash Volume indicated by 5 or more reported crashes in a 12 month period. No.

Warrant C1-3: Minimum volumes entering major leg averages at least 300 vehicles per hour for eight hours. No. Minimum volumes entering minor leg averages at least 200 vehicles per hour for same eight hours. No. and the last: Volumes meet 70% of above noted values and speeds exceed 40 mph. no.

There is also the law of intentioned consequences to consider. If we put in a three-way stop, traffic will back up, people will get angry and jump the stop. If they aren't looking when they do this there could be a crash.

Motion by Michael Garrod to explore the possibility of a three-way stop at the corner of Proctor Valley Road and San Miguel Road. John seconded. Ten voted aye. Four no: Mark, Doc, Rick and Uwe. No abstentions.

Murali also by state law only the Board of Supervisors can change road patterns. So, that being said the next step is to talk to the Traffic Advisory Committee, who will look at the request and the situation and make suggestions to the Board.

However, there is something that can be done now to alleviate some of the issue. We can redraw the street lines to make the turn onto Proctor Valley Road a little wider, thus not interfering so much with cars that want to turn left.

Planning Group invited Murali to return next month with more information.

Item#6: Revisiting of election of new officers tabled January 5, 2015. Doc nominated Steve Stonehouse as co-chair for this year and Michael Garrod seconded. Thirteen voted aye. Steve did not vote.

Item #7: Updates:

- a. Trail report-Diane Carter: The Quarry Road trail is now open the gates are open and people are actually using it. Our thanks to Sweetwater Authority for allowing this trail to go through.
- b. Judy mentioned that there is an issue with water going through the area by Uwe's house. Apparently the drainage pipes in that area are broken and the water runs and turns the ground to muddy soup. The County put rocks on the area where it's the Tieber Trail, but to no avail.

Item #10: Group members- comments, concerns

- a. Steve requested that a committee be formed and a letter be written concerning the three-way stop at Proctor Valley Road.

- b. Judy wanted to understand what had happened to the developer whose land when from half and acre properties to four houses. A short discussion followed.
- c. Mark wanted to remark on the Chair voting as he had never done so.
- d. Michael Garrod wanted the road repair schedule when it was out.
- e. John T. wanted to thank the group for a thought provoking meeting.
- f. Doc wished he had known more about the tree issue.
- g. Don said this was his last Planning Group Meeting. He was happy that we would continue to keep Bonita as it was and as it should be. Your participation and dedication and community involvement is exemplary, thank you.

Move to adjourn: Rick. Uwe seconded. Passed unanimously
Adjournment 8:55

Next meeting: March 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary,
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

